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instead, had to turn again to practicing upon the dead. (Did the population of the mighty Chinese nation reach great staggering numbers through excessive procreation?) So proficient was the art of acupuncture, laws against the practice were put in place--it was the leading cause of the population mushroom, which has not abated; from the time of acupuncture's rise, it can be dated." I'm almost through. Bear with me. "So effective was the Needlers' art, it caused great strife, some practitioners brought long-dead cadavers back to life... Acupuncture cured all ills--from tumors to bad breath; most remarkable of all, its needles conquered death! Therefore, skeptics, critics, doubters all should chain their tongues, never letting negative breath of air escape their lungs. Says the skeptic: 'Needlers use the con-man's slick psychology to exploit the gullible through their snake-oil profitology'. Nothing will be guaranteed to those who pay a buck to the Needlers for their art, except THEY WILL BE STUCK!" That's the only thing. I'm going to take a moment to consult, but I know my time is continuing to run. Mr. President, members of the Legislature, Senator Hudkins and I are not really at each other's throat this morning just yet. This is the kind of bill that I will analyze and tussle with in the same way that I did a fingernail licensing bill that Senator Suttle had last session or a couple of years ago. This bill, as I stated in the beginning, is in such bad drafting shape that before I take all of the time that I'm going to need to craft amendments, all of the time that we will have to spend debating the amendments, I want to see if the body is willing to kill this bill; let it go aside. The people who brought it, who are interested in it for a financial reason, as many people are interested in bills and they're not doing anything venial or inappropriate by having that motivation, they can get together, craft a better piece of legislation, put some standards of treatment, make the bill state clearly what is intended. For example, and I will go into this in greater detail the next time I have a chance to speak, when the bill talks about the need for a recommendation from a physician or some diagnostic paper, it says that that is to be given...that is what the acupuncturist...

PRESIDENT MAURSTAD: One minute.